

**FILED**

**OCT 05 2021**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Plaintiff, )

vs. )

JAY A. COBB, )

Defendant. )

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
BENTON OFFICE

CRIMINAL NUMBER: 21-CR-30157-NJR

Title 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(A)

**INDICTMENT**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

1. During all times relevant to the Indictment, **JAY COBB** was employed with the Village of Alorton Police Department. **COBB** was a patrol officer that was assigned to patrol the Village of Alorton and to respond to police calls. Cobb began his employment with the Village of Alorton in January of 2020.

2. Village of Alorton Police Department Orders require all officers to clock in at the beginning of each shift and clock out at the end of the shift. Police Department Orders also mandate that no officer has authorization to drive a patrol vehicle while not on duty without the permission of the Chief of Police. The Orders also require that any officer who leaves the venue must have authorization by the Chief of Police or Shift Commander when applicable. Also, all officers must notify the dispatcher of his/her departure from venue and of his/her return.

3. The Village of Alorton is an impoverished town with a diminishing population in a high crime area. As of May of 2021, the village ceased to exist and was incorporated into the new city of Cahokia Heights.

4. Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation compared GPS records of patrol vehicles used by **COBB** and compared that with timecards submitted by **COBB** for the time-period of January 10, 2020 through April 4, 2021. It was determined during the federal investigation that during an approximate 16-month period, **COBB** falsified time records for payment from the Village of Alorton in an amount of approximately \$9,815 representing approximately 654 hours where **COBB** claimed that he was working but instead he was outside the jurisdiction of the Village of Alorton without authority for personal reasons, usually at his residence in Cahokia, Illinois.

**Count 1**

**OBTAINING FUNDS BY FRAUD FROM THE VILLAGE OF ALORTON, A UNIT OF A GOVERNMENT  
THAT RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDS**

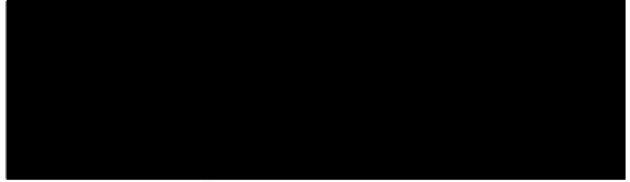
1. Paragraphs 1-4 are re-alleged.
2. The Village of Alorton and its Police Department was a component of city government. The Village of Alorton, Illinois received more than \$10,000 of federal program funds in a one-year period from the time-period of **COBB's** fraudulent receipt of funds from the Village of Alorton. These federal payments include \$82,114.21 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in March of 2021.
3. From in or about May 2020 and continuing through April 2021, in St. Clair County, Illinois, within the Southern District of Illinois, and elsewhere,

**JAY COBB**

defendant herein, while a sworn police officer with the Village of Alorton. Police Department, and an agent of a local government, did knowingly obtain by fraud property worth at least \$5,000 under the care, custody, and control of the Village of Alorton by submitting falsified timecards for compensation.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section § 666(a)(1)(A)

A TRUE BILL



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STEVEN D. WEINHOEFT  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of Illinois

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NORMAN R. SMITH  
First Assistant United States Attorney

Recommended bond: \$20,000 unsecured.